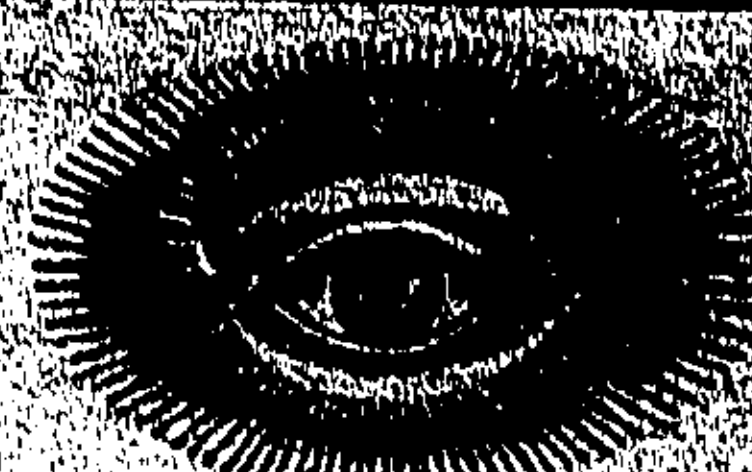


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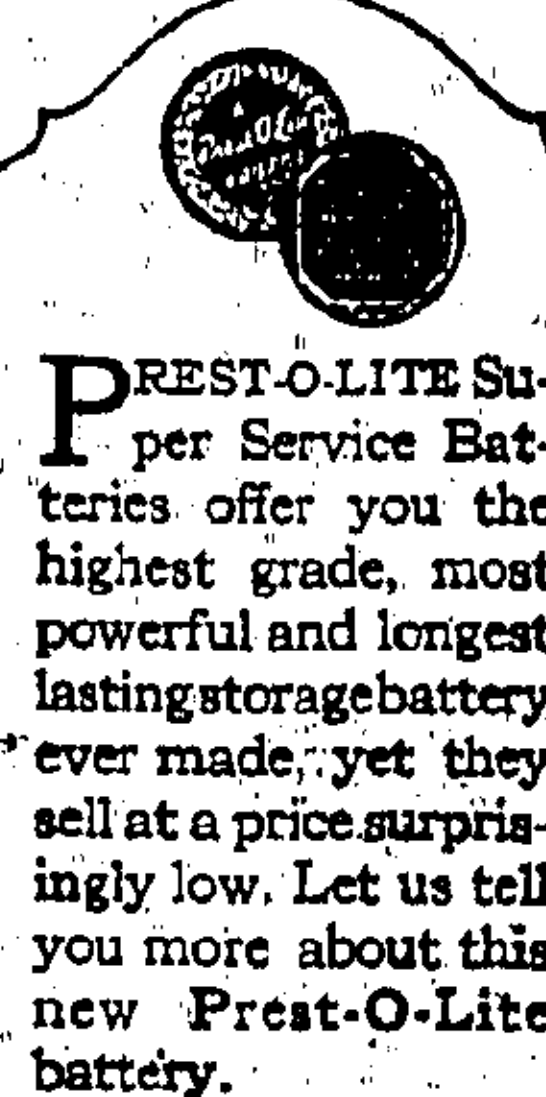
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CRISIS IN NORTH.

Wu Pei-fu's Bid for Power.

FIGHTING NEAR SHANGHAI.

A series of startling events have taken place in North China, with important bearing on the national situation.

Marshal Wu Pei-fu, from his headquarters in Honan province (to the north of the furthest Cantonese outposts above Hankow) has ordered the removal of his vice-commander, General Chen Yun-ao. Most of the other generals in the factions are siding with Wu Pei-fu and fighting has already broken out in the camp, according to Chinese cables received.

Wu Pei-fu is reported to look on Chen Yun-ao as being opposed to operations against the Nationalists. His latest action is construed as a gesture to Marshal Chang Tso-lin to pour his Fengtien troops southwards along the Peking-Hankow Railway to attack the Southerners by passing through Wu's territory.

Eclipse or Rise?
On the other hand, the vice-commander's brother (Chen Yun-pang) is the most powerful figure for the Premiership in the army under Chang Tso-lin's wing.

The crisis is further confused by the fact that Wu Pei-fu has hitherto looked askance at Fengtien overtures to assist him by sending troops into his small domain. The danger of a drive by the Kuomintang may have hastened this latest step. If General Chen Yun-ao is removed, Wu Pei-fu will have succeeded in his first bid for the power he lost. Should his subordinate resist sufficiently, it may spell the final eclipse of Wu Pei-fu.

The Shanghai Campaign.
Nationalist forces are again moving in Chekiang province in their effort to take Shanghai. They are several hundreds of miles off yet and are facing Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's outposts near Hangchow Bay.

Troops are moving in various parts of this important province. At several points fighting has already broken out but no decisive engagement has been fought. From Ningpo comes a cable report that the local Northern authorities there have already gone over to the Nationalist cause, the Kuomintang flag having already been hoisted at the district magistracy's yamen.

CANTON'S POSITION.

\$20,000,000 TO BE RAISED AT HANKOW.

BANK & TAXES SECURITY.

A public loan of \$20,000,000 is to be issued by Mr. T. V. Soong, Nationalist Finance Minister, to unify the currency of Hupeh province (in which are Hankow, Wu-chang, etc.), this being necessary on account of the confused finances.

The loan will be for three years and the securities to be offered are (firstly) the Hupeh Governmental Bank and (secondly) taxes on inland products in the province. Interest will be at 8 per cent. per annum and the loan will commence as from to-morrow. The amount of a public loan for the adjustment of finance has also been fixed at \$15,000,000, the security again being the inland taxes on productions.

Naval Department.
From Whampoa, the Nationalist Naval Department has been removed to Canton. The director's office will be on the south bank; the political and other sections on board the gunboat "Po Pih," anchored on the Tien Tze (government) wharf; and the whole department is soon to have the Aviation Department premises.

UNION LOSSES.

Disaster of General Strike.

MR. J. H. THOMAS'S MESSAGE.

Rugby, Dec. 30.
The disastrous consequences of trade union policy in the year now closing are the keynote of the New Year message which Mr. J. H. Thomas, leader of the National Union of Railwaymen, issues, to that organisation in a railway review.

Mr. Thomas declares that even the National Union of Railwaymen, which he had often prided himself was "almost unbreakable," had only emerged from the ordeal of the general strike "badly battered."

He adds: "Although the events of 1926 may have hit you very hard, you are faced with a heavy joint responsibility to perform an important public service."

"This can only be executed satisfactorily by team work in which every grade pulls its full weight in a real spirit of co-operation."

"Let us bend our energies to retrieve as far as possible what has been lost and to get back on the road to progress."

To what extent the National Union of Railwaymen has suffered is shown by a statement made at its headquarters that \$1,750,000 has been paid as strike and unemployed benefit during the last seven months.

This has considerably depleted the union's resources, and consequently the executive has decided to levy of 8d. per week on all members during the coming twelve months.—British Wireless Service.

SERVANTS' DEMANDS.

PRESENTED TO BRITISH CONSUL.

Hankow, Dec. 30.
The Servants' Union has presented the demands mentioned on December 18 to the British Consul. The demands are now under the consideration of the authorities.—Reuter.

The Servants' Union's demands are as follows:
First:—Members cannot be dismissed or in any way oppressed. Should employers have cause for complaint they must inform the Union, who shall deal with the matter.

Second:—Wages must be increased yearly and a month's wages given at Chinese New Year.

Third:—The Union shall superintend members' behaviour, and that Union's inspectors shall visit discretionally premises in which members are employed.

Fourth:—Employers must provide medical attention, with the exception of that for venereal disease.

Fifth:—Three weeks' holiday must be given yearly or a month's pay instead.

Sixth:—Vacancies as they occur must be filled by the Union.

A limit of seven days is given for acceptance to the demands.

The increases demanded range from about 10 per cent. in the case of highly paid men to 100 per cent. for the lowly paid men.

MORE JOBS.

FEWER PEOPLE OUT OF WORK.

Rugby, Dec. 30.
The latest return of unemployment completed in December 20 indicates that the country is rapidly recovering from the effects of the coal stoppage.

The total number of unemployed was 1,809,700, which was 100,678 less than the week previous. It was 207,300 more than a year ago.—British Wireless Service.

HOLIDAY WEATHER.

Till noon to-morrow, the official weather forecast for Hong Kong, the adjacent coast and Formosa Channel is:—moderate north-east winds fine.

Lieutenants (Flying Officers, R.A.F.) H.R.M. Nichol, C.R.V. Pugh and A. N. Waring have been appointed to H.M.S. Vindictive (Nov. 19).

DRUG RING.

Sensational Canadian Discovery.

STARTLING EVIDENCE.

Montreal, Dec. 30.
The biggest drug ring in North America responsible for half the illicit drug traffic in the American continent for many years is what the Canadian Government's narcotics department claims to have discovered through official investigators impersonating a United States narcotics importer, thus securing the ring's confidence and a mass of startling evidence, showing how drugs are brought to Canada through the Atlantic seaboard by rum runners and others and distributed all over the country concealed in other materials.

Montreal is described as the biggest narcotics base in North America. A number of arrests have been made, and drugs valued at \$10,000 have been seized.—Reuter.

\$500 CLAIM.

JUDGMENT AGAINST WALLER & CO.

MR. O'BRIEN SUCCEEDS.

Judgment was given in the Summary Court this morning in the case in which Mr. J. H. O'Brien, of the Advertising and Publicity Bureau, claimed \$500 from A. G. Waller and Co., with whom he had previously been employed.

Plaintiff's case was that, having left the employ of the defendant firm in May, he was asked by the manager to return in June to do accountancy work for which he was to be paid \$500.

The manager of the defendant firm stated that the work should have been done before the plaintiff left the firm and that the arrangement for the extra work was merely a friendly one.

Mr. Justice Wood said this morning that he had been thinking over the case and he believed the plaintiff's story.

Judgment was given for plaintiff with costs.

Mr. F. X. Remedios was for plaintiff and Mr. C. Gordon Leask for the defendants.

ARRESTED PUNJABI.

STILL NO NEWS FROM LAHORE.

When Diwan Mangel Sen, a Punjabi at present in custody of the local Police who are awaiting further instructions from Lahore, was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsay at the Central Magistracy this morning, Det. Sgt. Elston informed his Worship that there was no further news from the Punjab. Another telegram had, however, been sent to Lahore and a reply was expected at any moment.

Mr. Lindsay: I am not disposed to go on holding this man indefinitely. Surely the Indian authorities can come forward with their instructions?

Sgt. Elston replied that it was anticipated that the second telegram would have some result. The man had already been held for fourteen days.

His Worship granted a further remand until January 3 at 10 a.m.

THEFT FROM MOTOR CYCLE.

Mr. A. Souza, residing at 35 Granville Road, has reported to the Police that thieves yesterday removed one battery and one generator from his motor-cycle which was parked at the Kowloon Star Ferry Pier. The battery has since been recovered and one man has been arrested.

ANOTHER STAGE.

Benghazi, Libya, Dec. 30.
Sir Samuel Hoare's air liner has arrived here.—Reuter.

ELECTRIC POWER.

Huge Developments At Home.

\$30,000,000 IN ORDERS.

Rugby, Dec. 30.
The Government's big new electricity scheme, which was one of the most important measures passed by parliament during the last session, comes into force on January 1.

Colonel Wilfrid Ashley, the Minister of Transport, is now completing his task of selecting a central board which will be responsible for the working of the scheme.

The Board will consist of a Chairman and seven other members, and the selection of suitable men who have no financial interest in electricity undertaking has proved difficult.

It is understood that the post of Chairman will carry a salary of \$10,000 per annum.

The first work to be undertaken will be the laying of a cable linking the electrical plants of London and nine other big centres.

Then new super power stations are planned for the various large towns, London leading the way with two costing \$3,000,000 each. The existing power stations will be enlarged.

Water Power Schemes.
Big water power schemes for Wales and Scotland are projected. Experts predict a great increase of the use of electricity, both for industrial and domestic purposes.

Even during the last year domestic use is stated to have increased 30 per cent.

Scores of great factories are now being electrified, and much of this development is attributed to the recent coal stoppage, industries seeking to make themselves as independent of coal as they can.

Big orders for electrical equipment are also reported to be coming in from many parts of the world.

Experts estimate that next year the orders in the electrical industry will amount to \$30,000,000, of which \$50,000,000 will be for Home and \$20,000,000 for export.—British Wireless Service.

DAILY TOUCH.

H.M.S. "RENOVN'S" WIRELESS SET.

London, Dec. 30.
In conformity with the Admiralty practice of two years of using short-wave wireless to communicate in the distant warships whereby daily communication has been maintained with warships proceeding to and from the Far East, H.M.S. "Renown" has been fitted with a standard Admiralty set, and it is hoped to maintain daily communication with London during the Duke of York's trip to Australia and back.

The Admiralty appeals to short-wave amateurs not to attempt to call H.M.S. "Renown" as such calls will not be answered and will only cause interference.—Reuter.

SAVING MONEY.

Rugby, Dec. 30.
Mr. S. M. Bruce, the Australian Premier, in an interview in New York, on his way homeward from the Imperial Conference, declared that Australia had no intention of appointing a Minister either in Washington or anywhere else at present.

She would make such an appointment only when the number of questions pending with any country made it desirable. Meanwhile she enjoyed for nothing the advantages of Great Britain's world-wide diplomatic and consular services.—British Wireless Service.

The Hague, Dec. 29.—In the Upper Chamber, the States General has approved of the Conventions concluded at Bern in 1924, regarding railway transport of passengers and goods, and also on the use of prepared opium and the production and preparation of commerce narcotics. It has also approved of the Treaty of Commerce made with Greece in May last.—Reuter.

OPIUM SMOKER.

Incident in Police Court.

ACCUSED COLLAPSES.

Arraigned before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon on charges of possessing illicit opium and attempting to bribe a police constable, an elderly Chinese collapsed in the dock and later had to be given a seat when giving evidence in the witness-box.

Mr. D. McCallum, defending, pleaded "guilty" to the first charge and "not guilty" to the second.

Addressing the Bench, Mr. McCallum said that a complication had arisen as the interpreter who took the defendant's statement had been admitted to hospital, and he, Mr. McCallum, understood that he would not be available until January 10 at least.

In reply to his Worship, Mr. McCallum, after consultation with his client, said he was prepared to proceed with the case.

Det. Sub-Ins. M. Murphy said that the defendant had been brought to the Police Station by a Chinese constable who arrested him for being in possession of illicit opium. When arrested, the accused offered \$10 to the constable as "tea money" but the constable promptly brought the man to Central Station. Accused was duly warned before being charged and stated that the hukong had asked him for \$30 as "it is a European holiday."

Mr. McCallum said that he presumed that a *prima facie* case had been made out and that nothing he, counsel, could say would vary his Worship's opinion that it was a case for a *prima facie* case.

In reply to the Magistrate, Mr. McCallum said that although his client was scarcely in a condition to give evidence, he would put him in the witness-box for the purpose of making a statement.

Defendant, in the witness-box, admitted being a heavy opium smoker. He smoked illicit opium because it was cheaper than that sold by the Government. He had just bought some before he was arrested. The hukong demanded \$30 which witness did not have on him at the time. Witness spoke to the constable as a fellow clansman and asked him not to be too particular over the amount, offering \$10. Witness was then arrested and taken to Central Police Station.

His Worship ruled that there was a *prima facie* case against the accused who would be committed for trial at the next Sessions.

Mr. McCallum: I trust your Worship will consider the question of bail? He is obviously a very poor man.

His Worship asked what the Police had to say.

Insp. Murphy: It is beyond Police jurisdiction. I don't think it is allowable in such cases.

Mr. McCallum: That is certainly not the case. Bail should be allowed in all cases except murder and serious felonies, and bail should never be prohibitive.

In reply to the Magistrate, Mr. McCallum said that he could offer \$500.

His Worship said that he was prepared to allow bail in the sum of \$1,000. Mr. McCallum asked whether his Worship would accept \$500 in cash and a surety for the balance, to which his Worship replied that he had no objection provided the surety was approved by the Police.

ONCE BITTEN TWICE SHY.
Ten days ago, a Chinese succeeded in making a pawn-broker's clerk believe that a silver-gilt hair ornament was made of sovereign gold. Returning to the same pawn-broker's shop on a similar errand yesterday afternoon, he was promptly arrested, which event resulted in his appearance before Mr. R. E. Lindsay at the Central Magistracy this morning. After hearing evidence his Worship passed a sentence of four weeks' hard labour on each charge.

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YESTERDAY'S FURTHER
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CHIEF ENGINEER'S STORY.

At the resumed hearing of the "Sunning" piracy case yesterday afternoon, the Crown Solicitor (Mr. H. K. Holmes) informed Mr. Lind-sell that the Chief Engineer, Mr. George Cormack, whilst still in hospital, was sufficiently well to attend the Court and give evidence. Mr. Cormack, who occupied a chair while in the witness box, said that he had been on the China Coast for 28 years. Witness described the arrival of the pirates in his cabin and his subsequent movements under their supervision.

Relating later events, witness said that at dinner it was suggested that an attempt be made to recapture the ship. Witness tried to close the grille but was seen by two pirates who knocked him down and dragged him up to the boat deck. Whilst going up the side, he was shot in the chest and fell backwards. A pirate was also shot at the same time, the remainder retreating leaving witness alone on the deck. Witness managed to crawl into the captain's cabin where he found the Russian lady passenger, the 2nd and 3rd Engineers and the wireless operator. Soon afterwards the skylight was broken in and those in the cabin went up on to the bridge.

In spite of his wound, Mr. Cormack said that he made his way to the engine room, but was forced to leave it on account of the smoke. The hearing was adjourned until this morning.

LIQUOR CARGOES.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.

The Customs Department has published a general ruling that ships clearing from Canadian ports with cargoes of liquor must prove indubitably that the cargo will be landed at the point for which clearance is granted. Where evidence is adduced that clearance papers are made out for fictitious trips, liquor cargoes, will be seized as contraband. Customs officials believe that this will make the American-Canadian anti-run running treaty effective. Reuter's American Service.

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DEPARTURES.

Among the passengers who left Hong Kong for Shanghai and Seattle (via ports) by the Admiral Line "President Jefferson" on Dec. 30 were:—
Mr. S. Reimers, Mr. R. B. Pereira, Miss M. J. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. F. V. Chamberlain, Mr. H. Tandien, Mr. F. Oliver, Mr. J. D. Watt, Mr. Mok Hung, Mr. Mok Hok-ming, Mr. E. D. V. Wahree, Mr. A. H. Boyd, Mr. D. H. Sherman, Mr. M. Alexis, Mr. D. N. Assomull, Mr. O. F. Allenman, Mr. E. A. Lees, Lt. Comdr. T. J. Doyle, Mrs. T. J. Doyle, Master T. J. Doyle, Jr., Mr. A. Luraschi, Mrs. E. C. Stahlbeber, Mr. E. Bader, Lt. L. D. Libenow, Mrs. L. F. Chapman and Mrs. S. R. Davis.

TALKING ACROSS ATLANTIC.

Rugby, Dec. 30.

Widespread interest has been aroused by the announcement that telephone subscribers in the London area will be able early in January to communicate by wireless with subscribers in New York.

The fee of fifteen pounds for a three-minutes' conversation is not regarded as prohibitive by business men, and it is generally assumed that the fee will in time be reduced.

The Post Office undertakes to provide only communication between London and New York, but experiments yesterday with a cable between New York and provincial towns such as Swansea and Newcastle were highly successful, and give a prospect of extension of the service. — British Wireless Service.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The m.v. "Nanking" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Antwerp on Dec. 24, and is due here to-day.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benledi" from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here to-morrow.

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KASHMIR	9,005	19th Feb. Noon	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	8,862	2nd March Noon	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MANTUA	10,902	5th March Noon	Marseilles and London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th March Noon	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & R'dam
NYANZA	7,023	15th March Noon	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MONGOLIA	10,504	19th March Noon	Marseilles and London
MACEDONIA	11,120	2nd April Noon	Marseilles and London
DEVANHA	8,155	9th April Noon	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KARMALA	9,128	16th April Noon	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
DELTA	9,007	27th April Noon	Marseilles and London
MALWA	10,941	30th April Noon	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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Strait and Calcutta	HOSANG	Sun. 3rd Jan. at 8 a.m.
Canton	WAISHING	Thurs. 4th Jan. at 8 a.m.
Tiau via Swatow & Shanghai	WAISHING	Sun. 5th Jan. at 7 a.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Mon. 10th Jan. at 2 p.m.
Osaka via Moji & Kobe	POORSANG	Tues. 11th Jan. at 7 a.m.
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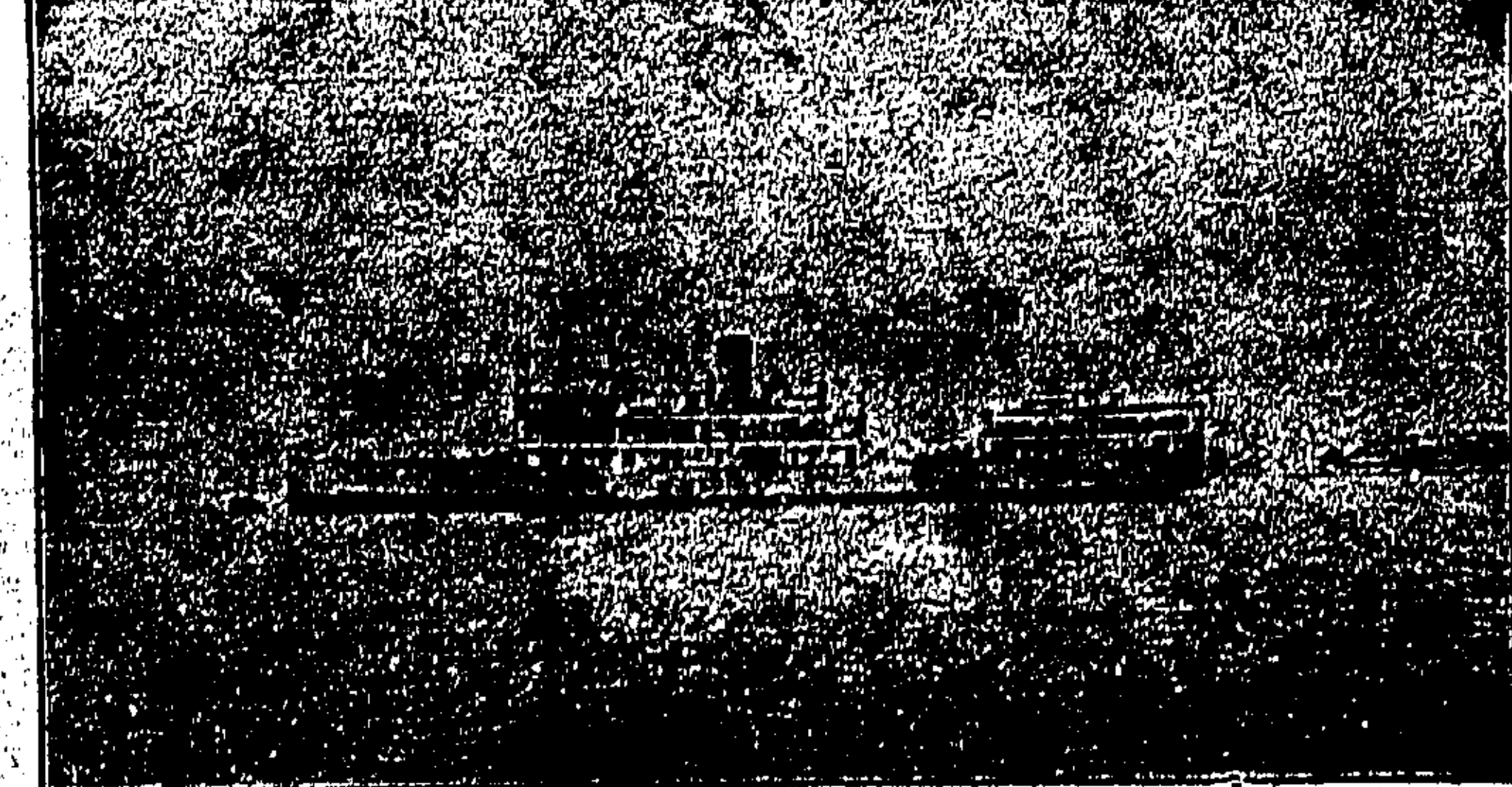
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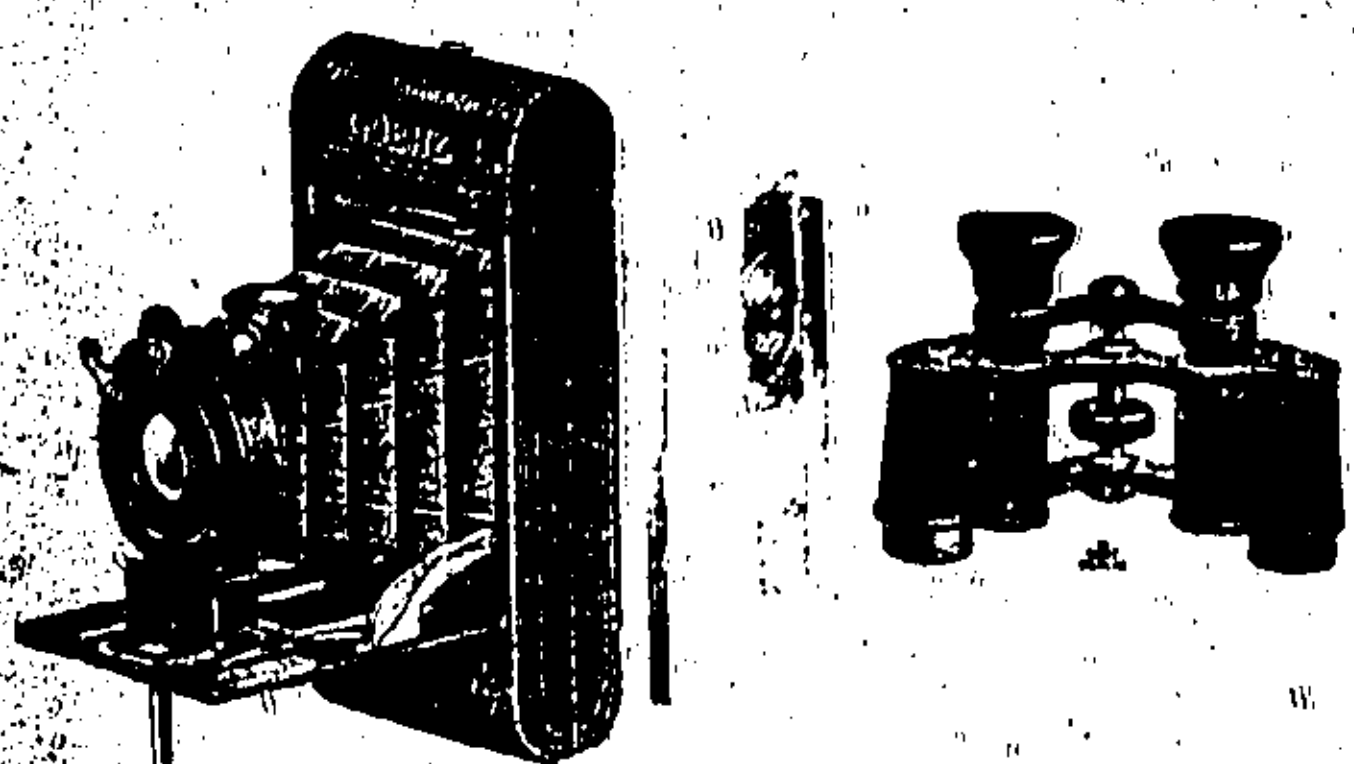
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DEATH.

MATTINGLY.—At Repulse Bay
Hotel, Hong Kong, on December
29, 1926, Reginald
Frederick Mattingly, Solicitor,
aged 36.

Hong Kong, Friday, Dec. 31, 1926.

BRITISH POLICY.

Besides being "a State document of vital importance"—as it has been described in the Home newspapers—the British memorandum to the Powers with regard to China is a singularly interesting document, quite apart from the concrete proposals it makes for demonstrating the friendship of the Powers towards the Chinese people. The memorandum is a singularly interesting document for the light it throws on Great Britain's endeavours to carry out a policy of forbearance and conciliation, endeavours which have not always been supported by the other Powers, who indeed, in some instances, have pulled in the opposite direction. The memorandum clearly establishes that Great Britain, so far from being the Imperialist monster she has been painted by her enemies, has set her face steadily against any increasing of foreign control in China, and has been the strongest advocate of acting in the spirit of the Washington treaty. Great Britain, having suffered more than all the other Powers together through the anti-foreign movement in China, we could wish that the memorandum could be published in every paper throughout the length and breadth of the Republic and placarded in every village of the country.

"Rag in The New"

Within a few hours of this edition going to Press, the old year will be dead and the new one welcomed in the spirit as well as in the letter of traditional custom. The "firstfoot"—invariably associated with the celebration of Hogmanay night—will cross the threshold where true

Scots gather, bearing suitable gifts and good luck to the households of their friends. In less boisterous manner, perhaps, but none the less sincerely, the Sassanach will give expression to the feelings which the occasion arouses, feelings chiefly of hope and cheer in the advent of another year. As we stand at the portal of the coming year and listen to the bells ringing out the old and ringing in the new, many of us will be led to think of the lines penned by Tennyson for the occasion. The spirit of goodwill between classes and nations which the poet envisaged is not to be established merely by the expression of sentiment. The spirit of each and all can only be refined by the experience of the years that succeed one another. They do this with a rapidity which increases as age creeps on. "So little done; so much to do" were almost the last words of Cecil Rhodes as he looked back upon the many dreams which had come to him. That is the feeling of most of us as we review the months that have closed and turn to those to come, with the sustaining knowledge that if the lessons of 1926 are fully borne in mind we may turn our faces with confidence to the future.

Life in The East.

Among the most difficult problems with which married couples in the East are faced is that of the education of their children. In the course of his address at a Mothers' Union gathering in Hong Kong, the Bishop of London expressed the opinion that the duty of a wife was to remain with her husband rather than risk the dangers of separation by accompanying the children Home when a suitable school had been found for them. Either course necessarily entails a certain amount of hardship and self-sacrifice on the part of parents. There is the alternative of placing the children at educational institutions either in Hong Kong or within easily accessible distance, but by doing so parents may be handicapping their children for the sake of gratifying their own natural wish to remain in touch with them. Whilst the standard at such schools is high and the care students receive of the highest, nothing can entirely replace the Home public school training and the wider outlook which it is only possible to inculcate in a boy at a distance from small European communities in a foreign country where the tendency is for him to obtain an exaggerated sense of the importance of that particular outpost of the Empire. Separation, naturally, falls hardest on the mother but there is, as the Bishop emphasised, an even greater danger of distance creating a gulf between husband and wife which it will be hard to bridge with the passing of the years. Many a husband in the East, bearing the double load of family responsibility and lack of compensating Home comforts will endorse the advice of this eminent Church dignitary.

A Kowloon Problem.

It is not easy to condone the sacrifice of aesthetic considerations for utility's sake unless the difficulties are such that a vital and pressing need can be met by no other means. The Kowloon Residents' Association has proposed that a gyratory system of traffic involving the erection of covered-in passage ways shall replace the scheme which appeared briefly in the Estimates as "improvements to Kowloon Point" and was explained, as including the extension of the railway to the tip. The present system—or rather lack of system—of traffic regulation at the Kowloon approach to the "Star" ferry tar-

get is a constant source of trouble to the thousands of vehicles which are not infrequently jammed in the narrow lanes leading to the ferry. The extension of the covered-in passage ways, which would be of assistance although it would improve a waterfront which stands in great need of it. The first move should certainly be the inauguration of an efficient traffic system and the provision of separate entrance and exit ways for various kinds of traffic. It is understood that the K.R.A. scheme provides for such passage ways, covered in, and also for the utilisation of the island for parking purposes. If it is not possible for these to be provided in conjunction with the colonnade extension, then this seems to be a case in point in which aesthetic considerations must, for the present, at any rate, give way to the practical needs of the moment.

H.K.V.D.C.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS FOR THE WEEK.

Extracts from this week's Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps orders (issued to-day) read:—

Artillery Company.
City and Taikoo Sections parade at Headquarters on Tuesday, at 5.30 p.m.

Annual Camp: The Company will go into Camp, Tai Lam, for week-ends Jan. 7 to 9 and 14 to 16 (as per last week's orders).

Engineer Company.
Field Sections parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Thursdays, Jan. 6 and 13.

Signal Section parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday and Thursday.

The usual class under Corporal Bowler, R.C.S., for men detailed from other units as Company Signallers will recommence on Tuesday at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters.

Infantry Company.
Parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday.

On Jan. 11, at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m., No. 2 Platoon Rifle Sections and No. 2 Platoon Lewis Gun Sections. Signallers parade as usual for those detailed.

Scottish Company.
Musketry Part II at Stonecutters on Sunday, Jan. 16.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Arms may be drawn from Headquarters, between the following hours:—Jan. 14—9 a.m. and 12 noon; 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.; 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. and Jan. 15—9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Reserve Company.
Musketry Part II at Stonecutters on Sunday, Jan. 9.

Arms may be drawn on Jan. 7 and 8 (hours as above).

Command.
Lt. E. P. Minett, T.D., V.D., commands the Medical Section, vice Captain Sir Eric Stuart-Taylor, O.B.E. on leave.

Reversion.
Corpl. A. C. Howell, No. 2 Platoon is permitted to revert to the rank of Pte. at his own request.

Resignations.
The following are permitted to resign:—Pte. A. C. McPhedran; Pte. H. L. Carson; Pte. J. Petrie; Sgt. R. Lapsley.

Rifles and Bayonets.
Members who have their rifles and bayonets in their possession are requested to return to Volunteer Store as soon as possible.

MURDER CHARGE.

The case in which a Chinese party boy, formerly employed on the "President Pierce," stands charged with the murder of a caretaker at the Shek Ying Seamen's Club, Kowloon. City, was opened by the Assistant Crown Solicitor, Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday afternoon.

After describing at some length the constitution of the Club, its membership and events which led up to the discovery of the crime, Mr. Whyte-Smith said that the accused was arrested at Kowloon City on November 25. Evidence would be called to show that the accused was seen at the Club on the night of November 12 and at mid-day on November 14.

Another member of the Club, a cabin boy on the "President McKinlay," had lost a quantity of clothing which he had left at the Club, and the accused, when arrested, was wearing some of those garments.

Before the adjournment of the hearing, the Assistant Crown Solicitor said that the accused shortly after his arrest had torn a strip of paper and had attempted to commit suicide by hanging himself. Mr. Whyte-Smith mentioned this as it would have shown why the accused's clothing was torn.

The hearing was adjourned until this afternoon.

VARSITY EXAMS.

MATRICULATION & SENIOR RESULTS.

DECEMBER SUCCESSES.

Subject to the final approval of the Senate, the following are the announced results of the matriculation and senior local examinations of the University of Hong Kong, held earlier this month.

MATRICULATION.

Honours List.

St. Joseph's College: Trieu Xung (distinction in French). Queen's College: Omar Hassan (distinction in Physics and Chemistry); Hu Pak-mi (distinction in Chinese); Mak Kai-cham (distinction in English, Physics, Chemistry and Trigonometry); Mak Kai-hung (distinction in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Trigonometry).

Wah Yan College: Hin Seung-yick (distinction in Trigonometry).

Diocesan Boys' School: Wu Yan-tak (distinction in Mathematics, Geography, Physics and Trigonometry).

Central British School: Miss Mary Dixon Oliver (distinction in English).

Boys' Pass List.

St. Joseph's College: Chow Yee-cheung; Martin Itoh; Edgar George Mathias (distinction in English); Alberto Rodrigues (distinction in Higher Mathematics); Leonard Augustus Silva (distinction in Trigonometry); George Souza; Joseph Tang Sze-yiu; Frederick Victor Wong (distinction in English); John Norris Young.

Queen's College: Chan Kin-kung; Cheng Wing-kwai; Chu Kam-piu; Isaac Haroon; Leung Tung Chun; Mak Pak-kin; Abdul Shakor Sufiad; Tam Kam-shau; Tsang Kwong-lam; Tso Nai-shung (distinction in Trigonometry); Wong Pui-kai; Wong Kung-fut; Wu Shiu-po.

Wah Yan College: Chau Yok-man; Cheung Wing-fai; Yacob Juman Khan; Kong Man-sing; Kwan Man-wai; Lau Pui-ki (distinction in Mathematics); Lee Hotin; Mak Man-cheung; Pong King-cheung (distinction in Mandarin); Mohammed Ishaq Razack; Wai Man-lok; Wong Tso-fun (distinction in Mandarin); Yeh Kung-shuen.

St. Stephen's College: Lav Chak-pui (distinction in Trigonometry); Chung Sek-chiu; Kong Chi-wing; Wong Chi-woo.

Diocesan Boys' School: Frederick Arthur Broadbridge; Samuel Alvin Chenallo; Cheung Kung-leung; Chiu Sik-ye; Lawrence Richard Dixon; Wong Kwong-yun; Wong Yim-yu; Frederick Zimmern.

Educational Institute: Cheng Tai-ping.

Tutorial Institute: Fok Yan-noun; Li Tat-fan; Liu Yan-tak (distinction in Mandarin); Mak Kam-ming; Ng Cheuk-kwong (distinction in Mandarin).

St. Paul's College: William Lai Fook; Albert Lau; Sung Man-chun (distinction in English).

Central British School: Gerald Gething Edwards (distinction in English); Bernard John Vickers (distinction in English); George William Arnold.

Sacred Heart School: Pang Chak-sang; Wong Fat-chung; Wong Wa-kwan.

Private Study: Lau Yong-boon; Walter Pickersgill; Eric Wongtape.

Girls' Pass List.

St. Stephen's Girls' College: Maggie Cheung; Choi Wai-han; Ada Leung; Hannah Surr (distinction in English); George William Arnold.

French Convent: Julia Lam.

Diocesan Girls' School: Olga Maria de Castro Basto (distinction in English, French and Music).

Private Study: Grace Ho Tung (distinction in English, Botany, Hygiene and Physiology).

SENIOR LOCAL.

Honours List.

French Convent: Miss Yvonne Phalavaan (distinction in English, French and Needlework).

Boys' Pass List.
St. Joseph's College: Pedro Vicente Botelho; Arnaldo Carlos Pereira.

Queen's College: Chan Yan-cheung; Cheung Man-kin; Lo Ka-fan; Ng Wai-man.

Wah Yan College: Henry Chan Kam-hung; Albert Chan Kam-moon; Lui Ting-yee (distinction in Mandarin).

St. Stephen's College: Chan Shu-fai.

Diocesan Boys' School: Walter Alexander Hunt; Harry Lee; Stephen Arnold Reed; William Tsan (distinction in Spanish and Trigonometry).

Tutorial Institute: Wan Sik-kuang.

St. Paul's College: Chan Pak-chong.

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CHINA POLICY.

POWERS AND BRITISH MEMORANDUM.

FRENCH PRESS CRITICISMS.

Paris, Dec. 30.

According to "Le Journal," M. Briand and Lord Curzon yesterday discussed the British memorandum on China. M. Briand presumably expressed the French Government's sympathy with Britain's desire to secure an improvement in the situation in China, but did not conceal the fact that France favours a waiting attitude.

The Matin considers the British Government when it published its memorandum lost its head, and says the supporters of integrity and progress in China should abstain from dramatic gestures at a time when the country is in such dire straits. France, like Japan and other Powers, refuses at present to subscribe to a programme whose intentions may be excellent but which are plainly inopportune.

The "Echo de Paris" says the central idea of the British memorandum, namely general recognition of the de facto Canton Government, will certainly come to nothing, but will Britain be willing to break off the negotiations commenced by Mr. Miles Lampson? Along that path lurks danger. The Powers have been at sixes and sevens in the Far East for the past five years, and if the British Foreign Office now overrides the objections of the French Government they will be ranged against each other just as they were in Turkey four years ago; moreover the Powers can only safeguard the foreign communities if they are united in their defence of the rights and positions essential to their trade.—Reuter.

"Times" View.

London, Dec. 30.
Discussing the British memorandum on China, the "Times" says it seems to have annoyed the extremists on the Yangtze, but undoubtedly has produced a favourable first impression on the civilised world. It takes the initiative in proposing a policy marked by attractive boldness, breadth, and simplicity. The Government's policy is clearly one of those larger projects which must be taken as a whole, with its chief consequences, and must resolutely be followed.

The British Government regret they did not press their views earlier. It certainly is unfortunate that they should now give the appearance of surrendering to force what they long since were ready to concede to reason.

The new policy is open to obvious objections, and is not free from dangers, but it is a large, positive policy, free from the taint of self-seeking or rivalry with others, and correctly reflects the feeling of this country.—Reuter.

MOKE LOANS LIKELY.

CUSTOMS SURTAXES AS SECURITY.

Peking, Dec. 30.
It is understood here that the Nationalists intend collecting the Customs surtaxes at Hankow and Kukiang from January 1.

In view of this it is felt that the Fengtienites will not be long in following suit. It is further understood that the Nationalists propose floating a loan secured on the surtaxes, which again is an example which the Northerners are likely to follow, but financial authorities think neither Nationalists nor Fengtienites are able to raise a large loan on such security.

They point out that even well-secured loans are now quoted very low, and confidence must be restored before foreigners or Chinese subscribe to a new loan of any importance.—Reuter.

Girls' Pass List.

Belles Public Schools: Hui Lai-kwan; Fung Mui-wan; Hui Luk-yip; Ngo Sui-hing.

St. Stephen's Girls' College: Jean O'Hoy; Fok Sut-ngor; Li Luk-wa; Tong Woon-ying; Ts'o Hui-ki; Flora Wan; Helen Wu.

St. Mary's School: Theresa Sanchez; Dulce D'Aquino; Marie Remedios; Olga Ribeiro.

Diocesan Girls' School: Mercedes G. Alves (distinction in Needlework); Maria Augusta de Castro Basto; Eva Dora Coysh (distinction in History); Aida M. Tjundredo; Maria C. G. Gomes; Margaret E. Gross (distinction in English); Rodie Fozzomby (distinction in English and Needlework); Thalia Maria Prata.

Italian Convent: Olga Azada; Thalia Barretto; Clasy Botelho; Henriette Demos; Olga King; Carolina Maher; Thelma May (distinction in English); Emerance Santos; Alice Sufiad; Lily Williams; Wong Po-on; Carmen Xavier.

French Convent: May O'Hoy; Lily Thelma; Eliza Silva-Neto; Audrey Steel.

BRITISH POLITICS DURING 1926.

A YEAR OF MANY PROBLEMS.

Premier As A Strong Silent Man.

THE GREAT INDUSTRIAL UPHEAVAL.

(Specially written for the "China Mail.")

In the following review of British politics during the year which closes to-day, the writer, a student of current politics and political economy, summarises and analyses the third session of Mr. Baldwin's 2nd Administration, dealing in turn with Britain's foreign and Imperial relations and her domestic problems during the past year.

The year under review is, perhaps, a singularly difficult one to summarise and analyse as carefully and as fully as one would wish to do in the limited space at one's disposal, inasmuch as, whilst "very considerable progress" has been achieved in the matter of foreign and inter-Imperial relations—thanks to the genius of Sir Austen



STANLEY BALDWIN.

Chamberlain and the spirit which pervaded the Imperial Conference—the industrial outlook has been fraught with problems, many of which, unfortunately remain unsolved.

It is necessary, I think, at the outset, to make some reference to those individuals to whom has been entrusted the conduct of his Majesty's Government.

When the present British Cabinet held its first meeting sometime during the month of November, 1924, it was observed by onlookers outside No. 10 Downing Street, that silk hats were practically *de rigueur*. The only Minister who crusted his first-class brains with anything less than a first-class Lincoln Bennett was the Earl of Birkenhead. The newly appointed Secretary of State for India wore a bowler, well on the back of his head in the Eton manner he has picked up from Lord Balfour. But then, "F.E." when he was Lord Chancellor and lolled on the Woolpack in a full-bottomed wig, used to yawn as expansively as George Robey, even under the immediate noses of the effigies of dead barons and the outraged forms of living ones.

After a sinister regime of trade union bowlers and Socialist soft felt hats, the return to "toppers" conveyed its importance to the London populace who, as everyone knows, has been reared upon Lord Mayors' Shows and Madame Tussauds. Every London newspaper that day recorded the momentous fact that, so to speak, Mr. Baldwin's Cabinet invitation cards bore, neatly printed in the left hand corner: "Top hats." London, at least, formed the opinion that a Government capable of governing had come on the scene.

A Sensational Cabinet.

Who are these individuals "who, with a few changes during the interim, were called by Mr. Baldwin to form his Majesty's Government"? Many people regarded Mr. Baldwin's Cabinet as being as sensational as was his majority at the polls. On his previous experience of Cabinet making, which was also his first, Mr. Baldwin was weaker than water. He was dictated to, the "Die-Hard" ruling the roost. Many people regarded him as a weak-kneed man. To the astonishment of most people he revealed himself as a Strong Silent Man. He retired to his country seat, found a cherry-wood pipe, told his wife to shoo visitors off the lawn, and proceeded to compile his Cabinet.

The timid Premier of yesterday boldly nominated Mr. Winston Churchill to the Treasury, whilst firmly relegating the late Marquess Curzon to a safe seclusion, he selected Mr. (now Sir) Austen Chamberlain, who was educated in France and Germany and talks both languages like a Berlin professor, to fill the important Foreign Office portfolio. For the India Office, where brains were undoubtedly needed, this Strong, Silent Man selected, no less important a personage as the Earl of Birkenhead. Mr. Baldwin's other Ministerial appointments call for little comment for, as events have turned out, it was Lord Birkenhead and Mr. Churchill who played, perhaps, the most prominent parts in

the coal discussions—always excepting, of course, the Prime Minister himself.

1926.

His Majesty opened Parliament in State on February 2. The usual brilliance of the scene was subdued on account of the Court being in mourning for the late Queen Alexandra, but the scene was nevertheless an imposing one.

The King, in dealing with foreign relations, referred to the Turkish dispute, the Disarmament Commission, the entry of Germany into the League of Nations consequent upon the Locarno Conference, and the agreement with Italy in connection with the settlement of the Italian War Debt.

Turning to domestic affairs, his Majesty said that the Government had earnestly considered the question of national economy and that proposals would be laid before Parliament for authorisation of loans for the development of British protectorates and mandated territories.

Referring to the coal dispute, his Majesty said that he was well aware of the difficulties inherent in the whole situation, but the interests of the nation were paramount. Reference was also made to the Government's electricity proposals and to the Imperial Conference (since concluded).

Successes at two or three by-elections increased the Premier's already substantial majority, and Mr. Baldwin entered upon the third session of his second Administration

with almost everything at his disposal for the successful carrying out of an elaborate legislative programme.

Britain, Russia & China.

One of the first topics to be discussed in the House of Commons after the address to the King had been approved was that of Soviet interference with British trade in China. The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs said that whilst there was evidence that the Soviet Government in China and elsewhere was not observing the terms of the Russo-British Trade Agreement, he did not think that abrogation of the agreement would serve any useful purpose. The subject has been referred to in both Houses of Parliament several times during the year under review, but the attitude of the Government remains unchanged.

Britain and China.

The troublous times through which British trade in this country have been passing during the past year, and the whole question of British policy in China have formed the subject of innumerable questions addressed to the Foreign Secretary in the House of Commons, and to the Leader of the House of Lords (Lord Balfour) but very little concrete information has been given. In fact, until a very recent date, the whole attitude of the British Government has been clouded in mystery.

Sir Austen Chamberlain's selection of Mr. Miles Lampson as Sir Ronald Macleay's successor met with general approval both in the Far East as well as at home, and it is not too early to say so, and judging from recent events in Hankow, and the recent British Note to the Protocol Powers, it would appear as though British policy in this country is to undergo a complete overhaul. It would seem that the plan, that Britain should take the lead is at last to be heeded.

Germany and the League.

As Britain had played a by no means small part in bringing about

the unanimous decision that Germany should be invited to join the League of Nations on an equal footing with the other Powers, it was not surprising that she should be very much concerned with the dispute that arose in regard to the question of permanent seats on the League Council. Germany's formal application for admission was handed in on February 10, and as soon as it became known that she was to be allotted a permanent seat on the Council, a flood of similar applications—including one from China whose subscription was considerably in arrears—were lodged at Geneva. Sir Austen Chamberlain was faced unquestionably with a difficult problem. The situation at times became most strained, but the British Foreign Secretary, in spite of strong criticism in certain sections of the Home press, declined to speak. Events have proved that he adopted the wisest course in the circumstances for, playing, as he undoubtedly did, a very major part in the negotiations which, in spite of Spain's withdrawal, brought about the final settlement of the problem, even the most discreet utterance might have considerably changed the aspect of the situation during the period of the negotiations.

The British Boxer Indemnity.

Before leaving matters connected with Britain's foreign policy, it should be stated that the question of the allocation of the British share of the Boxer Indemnity has been left purposely alone. Britain's decision to send out a Royal Commission to China was made last year, following the passage of the Bill in the House of Commons, and, although Viscount Willingdon's Mission was here in the early Spring, the report of the Commission's recommendations, none of which, for reasons which demand no explanation, have been carried out, have so recently been commented upon by the entire press of the Far East, not excluding the journal for which this article is being written, that no comment is necessary.

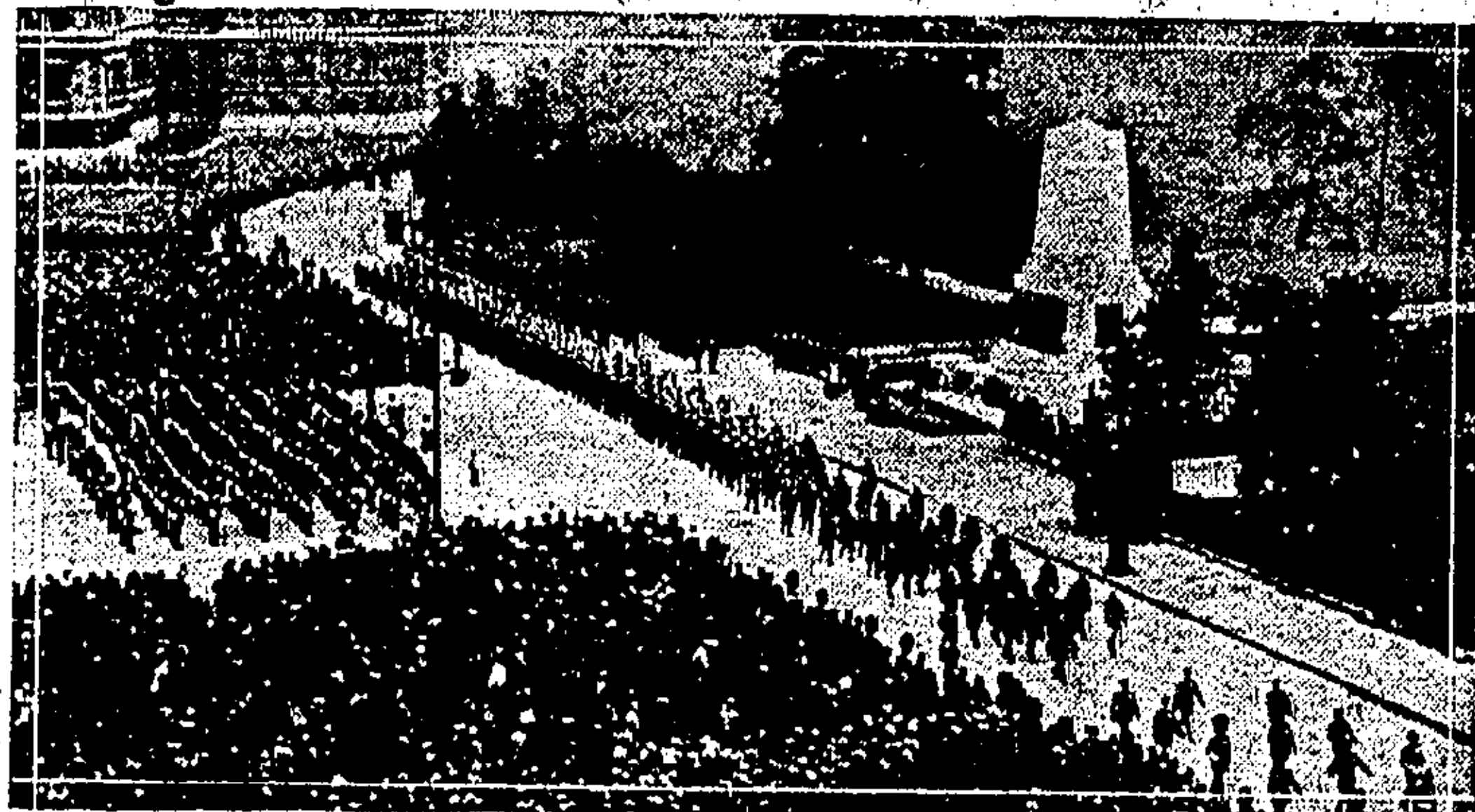
Imperial Affairs.

The two outstanding events of the year, as far as Dominions

The Coal Dispute.

The coal stoppage, and short-lived general strike, have, of course, been the outstanding features of the year at home. It will be recalled that in order to prevent a coal stoppage last year, the Government agreed to grant a subsidy to the industry until May 1, at the same time appointing a Royal Commission, under the Chairmanship of Sir Herbert Samuel, for the purpose of thoroughly investigating the whole problem. Both sides, i.e., miners and mine-owners, agreed to abide by the recommendations of the Commission, but, almost immediately after the recommendations were published, it became apparent that the miners were dissatisfied and that there would be trouble. Even the most brief of summaries of the negotiations would fill many columns, but it may be said with little fear of contradiction, that, in spite of much criticism from certain quarters, and allegations that the Cabinet has sided with the owners, the Government has, from first to last, adopted the only course in the circumstances.

No dispute in British industrial history can be compared, with it, either in point of time, or the unreasoning stubbornness of the contending parties, or the calamitous results of the strike on the finances of the country have accumulated beyond anticipation. Perhaps my opening reference to Mr. Stanley Baldwin as a Strong, Silent Man will ultimately prove to have been never more justified than in his statesmanship in connection with this dispute. Time alone will tell. If any praise is due to the Government in regard to its handling of the general strike last May, far more is due to the average British working man in his determination to have nothing to do with the machinations of Moscow. One can but hope that the miners will be permeated with the same sound common sense, and, whatever may be the ultimate outcome of the coal stoppage, Moscow, and her emissaries in Britain and elsewhere, will realise that they are not wanted. History may yet prove that this in-



The Duke of Connaught recently unveiled a memorial to the memory of the members of the British Horse Guardsmen. In full dress uniform and before a vast assemblage the Guardsmen are shown marching past the memorial.

industrial crisis may have contributed in no mean measure towards letting Moscow's busybodies understand, once and for all, that their efforts in Britain will be fruitless, for it is the common sense of the average Briton that has made the great British Commonwealth of Nations what it is to-day.

—IONIDES.

BISHOP INGRAM.

LEAVES FOR SINGAPORE TOMORROW.

HIS FINAL ADDRESS.

The Bishop of London spoke at an "At Home" yesterday at St. John's Cathedral Hall, his address on the subject of continued effort by workers for the church being translated into Chinese by Mr. Wong for the benefit of those Chinese church workers who were present.

The Bishop ends his visit to Hong Kong tomorrow when he leaves for Singapore by the "Hakone Maru." He embarks at Murray pier at 9.45 a.m. in the Mission to Seamen's launch.

The Bishop's last public address was delivered to a congregation of men at St. John's Cathedral last night. The one thing that could change the world and make it a better place to live in was the Christian religion, said the Bishop. What was wanted was not a new religion but a new heart.

Missionary Work.

Discussing missionary endeavour, the Bishop said that he had the greatest admiration for those who with their lives in their hand and amid all this foreign agitation, went into distant parts of China to preach the gospel. The greatest interest was being taken in missionary work by the poor and middle class in London.

The Bishop made a brief reference to industrial strife and to the criticism which had been passed on the Bishops for intervening in the coal strike. He urged that it was only Christianity that could make men love one another.

The Bishop left for Macao this morning, accompanied by the Rev. H. Thomas, the Rev. W. Halward and Mr. Blythe. A tiffin will be given in His Lordship's honour by the Commissioner of Customs to the British community and the party will return in time for a Chinese dinner at the China Building, which is being given by the Hong Kong Chinese Church Body.

Government House Dinner.

On Thursday night H.E. the Governor and Lady Clementi gave a dinner party in honour of the Bishop of London at Government House. This was followed by a reception, at which his Lordship met members of the Councils, other Government officials and residents.

Rugby, Dec. 30.—The Air Minister, Sir Samuel Hoare, left Malta this morning in stormy weather for Home, in Tripoli, which is the next stage of his flight to India. The first of three Hercules aeroplanes designed for the Cairo-India service, with Sir Sefton Branker on board, has reached Basra, and will there await Sir Samuel Hoare's arrival.—British Wireless Service.

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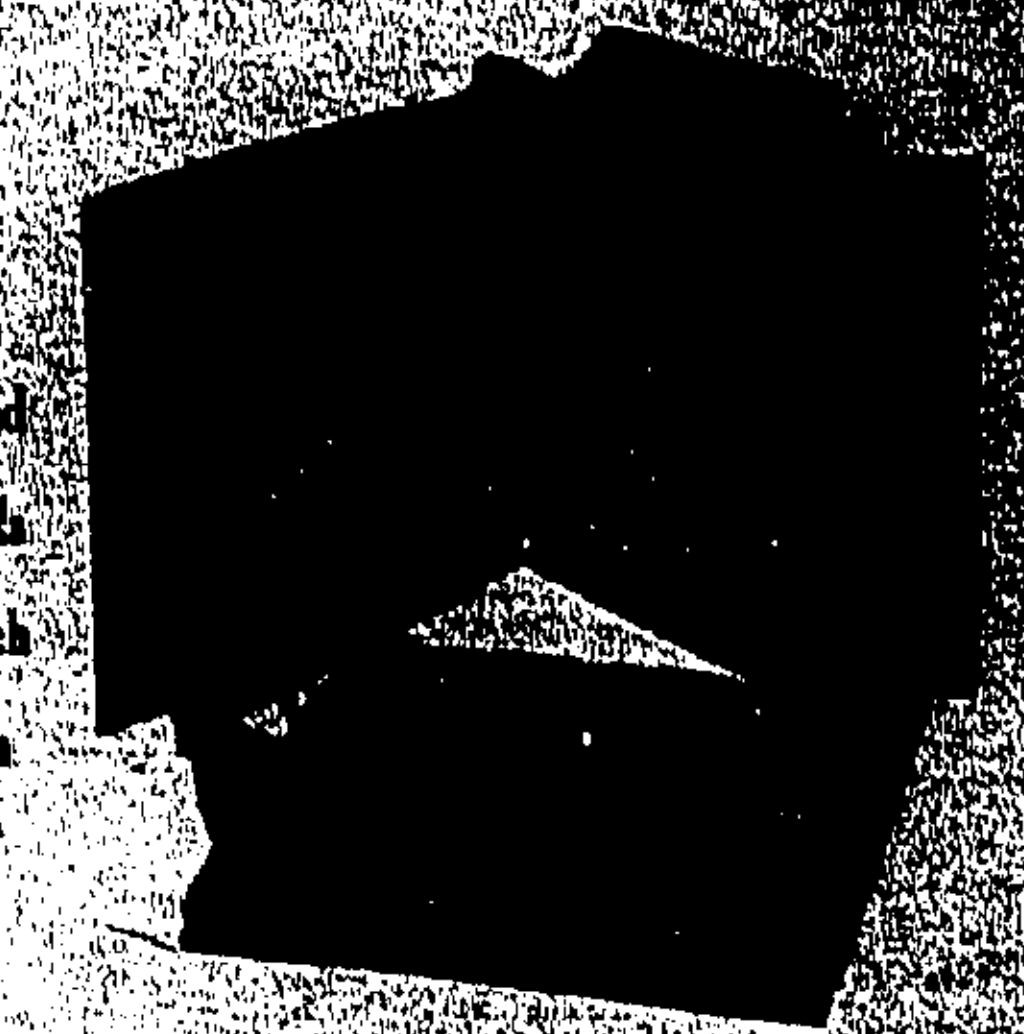
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ten monks from the Hospice of
the Great St. Bernard, who were
skiing near the Monastery. Five
were carried away and three
killed.

A woman, fined at Glasgow
for stealing gas was stated to
have put into a slot meter 117
discs cut the shape of a penny
from cardboard, linoleum and
matchbox covers.

A copy of the first Kilmar-
nock edition of the poems of
Robert Burns, printed in 1786
and bearing the bookplate of the
Earl of Glencairn, realised £780
at Messrs. Sotheby's.

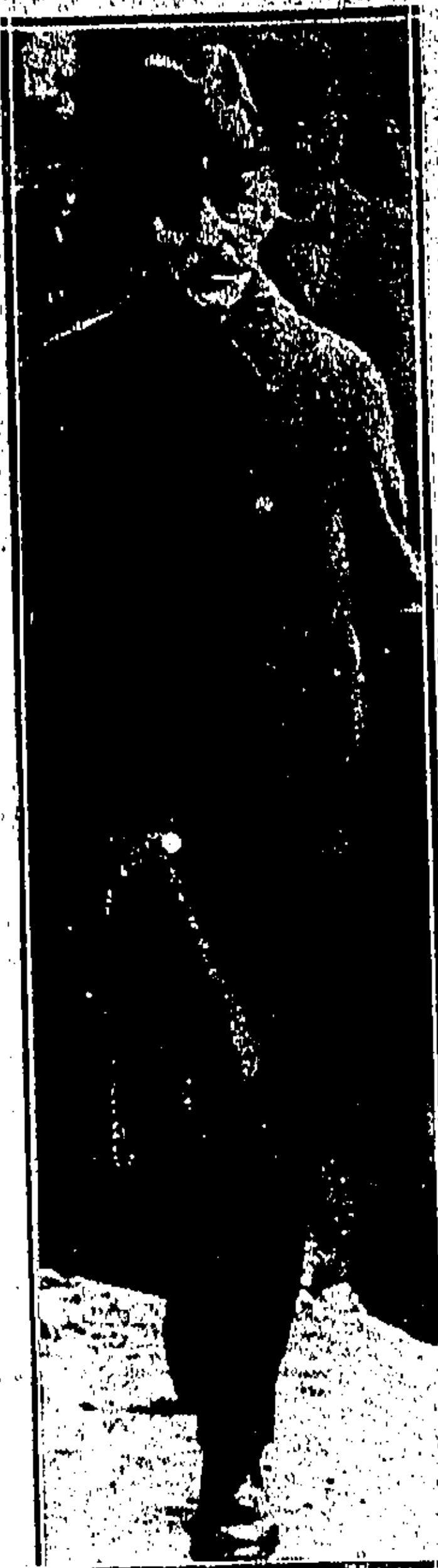
Twenty-seven members have
been nominated to the Madras
Council, including 10 of the de-
pressed classes representatives,
and one lady, Dr. Muthulakshmi
Ammal. This is the first time a
lady has been nominated to an
Indian Legislature.

The "Gazetting" of Monday as
a holiday has necessitated an al-
teration in the New Year postal
arrangements. To-morrow, the
General Post Office will be open
from 8 a.m. to noon and on Mon-
day from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. The
Branch Post Offices will open from
8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on both days.
There will be one collection from
the pillar boxes and one delivery of
ordinary correspondence each day
as on Sundays, also one delivery of
registered correspondence each day
at 9 a.m. The Money order office
will be closed during the holidays.

As a result of the Concert given
recently in aid of local funds by
St. Stephen's Girls' College, Fairlie
School and friends, the following
sums of money have been sent:—
the Cathedral Organ Fund \$200; St.
Peter's Church Repair Fund \$200;
Missions to Seamen \$200. Miss E.
Middleton-Smith, the staff, and
students wish to thank all those
who so very kindly supported this
effort and helped to make the Con-
cert a success. The amount
raised by the students of these
schools during this year to assist
hospitals, poor schools, and other
pressing needs, has been con-
siderably over \$3,000.

On Thursday the Colony had
another clean bill of health, there
being no case of notifiable disease.

The 9 p.m. time signals on the
local wireless mast will be repeat-
ed at midnight to-night. The last
signal by the Royal Observatory
will indicate the close of the year
1926 in Hong Kong.



This is the first picture of
Colonel Macia, leader of the
Catalonian revolt against Spain.
It shows him in Paris, where he
was sent under arrest.

Following the discovery of
the so-called "Peking" man,
anthropologists in Peking assert
that it has been definitely proved
that man existed 1,000,000 years
ago.

Miss Violet Gibson, who is
charged with attempting to mur-
der Signor Mussolini, the Italian
Premier, last April, has been re-
moved from an asylum to a Rome
prison, where she occupies a cell
specially paid for by her rela-
tives.

"This enormous pilfering at
the G.P.O. must be dealt with,"
said Mr. Alderman Jacobs at the
Guildhall in sentencing two post-
men, Arthur Charles, 20, to three
months' hard labour and
Frederick Dawkins, 20, to a
month's hard labour, for stealing
money from letters.

Tremendous enthusiasm was
displayed at Ramsgate on the
occasion of the opening by the
Prince of Wales of the new pro-
menade at Undercliff Drive, and
later at Margate, where his Royal
Highness christened the new
Prince's Walk.

The Queen, who devotes a
sum annually to scholarships, has
adopted a little boy waif from one
of the Church of England Waifs
and Strays Society's homes, and
is sending him to school, where
he will be educated and brought
up at her expense.

Birch's shop front—believed
to be the oldest in London—
which was removed from No. 15,
Cornhill, E.C., a few months ago
and presented to the nation by
Lord Kenyon, has been erected in
the West Hall of the Victoria and
Albert Museum, South Kensing-
ton.

King George's contribution to
the "Memorial des Allies"—a col-
lection of thoughts from over
2,000 persons upon the heroism
of the combatants and the need
of inter-Allied union, is "The
path of discipline is rugged and
steep, yet though it pass through
the very gates of death, it is the
only way to liberty."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. D. N. Assemull was a pas-
senger of the "President Jefferson"
which left Hong Kong yesterday for
Shanghai.

Mr. J. C. Maassen, acting man-
ager of the Hong Kong office,
Netherlands Trading Society, is
proceeding to Calcutta and Mr. O.
Steenstra has been appointed the
local manager.

Mr. Mok Hok-ming, of the Tai-
koo comrades department, was a
northbound passenger on the "Pre-
sident Jefferson," which sailed yes-
terday. Other passengers included
Mr. Mok Hung, Mr. J. D. Watt, Mr.
D. H. Sherman, Mr. M. Alexis.

Singapore papers announce that
the Hon. Mr. L. McLean has been
appointed chairman of the Stand-
ing Advisory Committee on
Opium, and the Hon. Mr. A. M.
Goodman and Mr. P. T. Allen
have been appointed members of
the Committee in succession to
Mr. D. Beatty and Mr. W. T.
Chapman, resigned.

The local manager of Messrs.
Methers & Co., Mr. St. Reimers,
was a passenger on the "President
Jefferson" which left yesterday for
Shanghai.

After a brief stay in Manila, Mr.
Paul M. Hodgson, the local share-
broker, returned to the Colony
to-day on the Dollar Line "Pre-
sident Lincoln." There were a num-
ber of other cabin passengers for
Hong Kong including Mr. G. P.
Bradford, Mr. A. Dayaram, Mr. D.
Dingomah, Mr. and Mrs. C. L.
Manners.

Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald
Yorke Tyrwhitt, K.C.B., D.S.O.,
the new Commander-in-Chief of
the China Station in succession to
Admiral Sir Edwin Alexander
Sinclair, K.C.B., M.V.O., is due
at Hong Kong on the P. & O. s.s.
"Morea." The new Commander-
in-Chief is accompanied by Lady
Tyrwhitt, his two daughters and
a secretary.

It has been something of a
shock to the French to learn that
the Princess Astrid, now Duchess
of Brabant, cannot speak French,
and is only now beginning to
learn it for it is taken for granted
in France that royal persons and
diplomats speak French as a
matter of course (says an
"Evening Standard" writer.)
German is, of course, the foreign
language most generally known
in the Scandinavian countries, as
in the countries of eastern
Europe, but I should suppose that
in Scandinavia, English runs its
course. Most educated Scandinav-
ians that I have met have spoken
German and English.

The Queen accompanied the
Duchess of York when she went
down to White Lodge the other
afternoon to decide which pieces
of furniture should be moved to
the new home in Piccadilly (says
the "Weekly Dispatch.") Her
Majesty's advice as an expert in
antique is always readily sought
by the Duchess, but the amount
of furniture to be taken from
White Lodge will not be very
large, as the Duchess had already
caused most of her favourite
household goods to be moved to
Bruton Street. The nursery
furniture for the little Princess
Elizabeth will not be chosen till
the Duke and Duchess return
from Australia, for the nurseries
at Buckingham Palace and
Glasgow, between which the baby
will spend the time during her
parents' absence, are already
fully furnished.

Mr. T. Macdonald, formerly of the
staff of the "Hong Kong Daily
Press," leaves by the s.s. "St.
Albans" to-day for Australia.

At Holy Trinity Cathedral,
Shanghai, Mr. Jack Lionel
Fletcher, of the China Soap Co.,
was married by the Sub-Dean,
the Rev. A. C. S. Trivett, to Miss
Mary Jackson.

Deaths announced in mail week
included Mr. Arthur Bryan, a
barrister practising at the Cen-
tral Criminal Court and at Mid-
dlesex and London Sessions, sud-
denly at his residence, 17, The
Grove, Finchley, as the result of
a heart attack, aged 60. For
many years he was a member of
the journalistic staff of the
"Times," a Lillian Countess of
Cromartie, at North Lodge,
Ascot, aged 48, a Peeress in her
own right, a large landowner,
and a writer of numerous books.
Lady Buchanan, the wife of Sir
George Buchanan, suddenly,
while the vessel in which she was
travelling with some friends for
a holiday visit to South America
was off the north of Spain.



King Ferdinand of Roumania,
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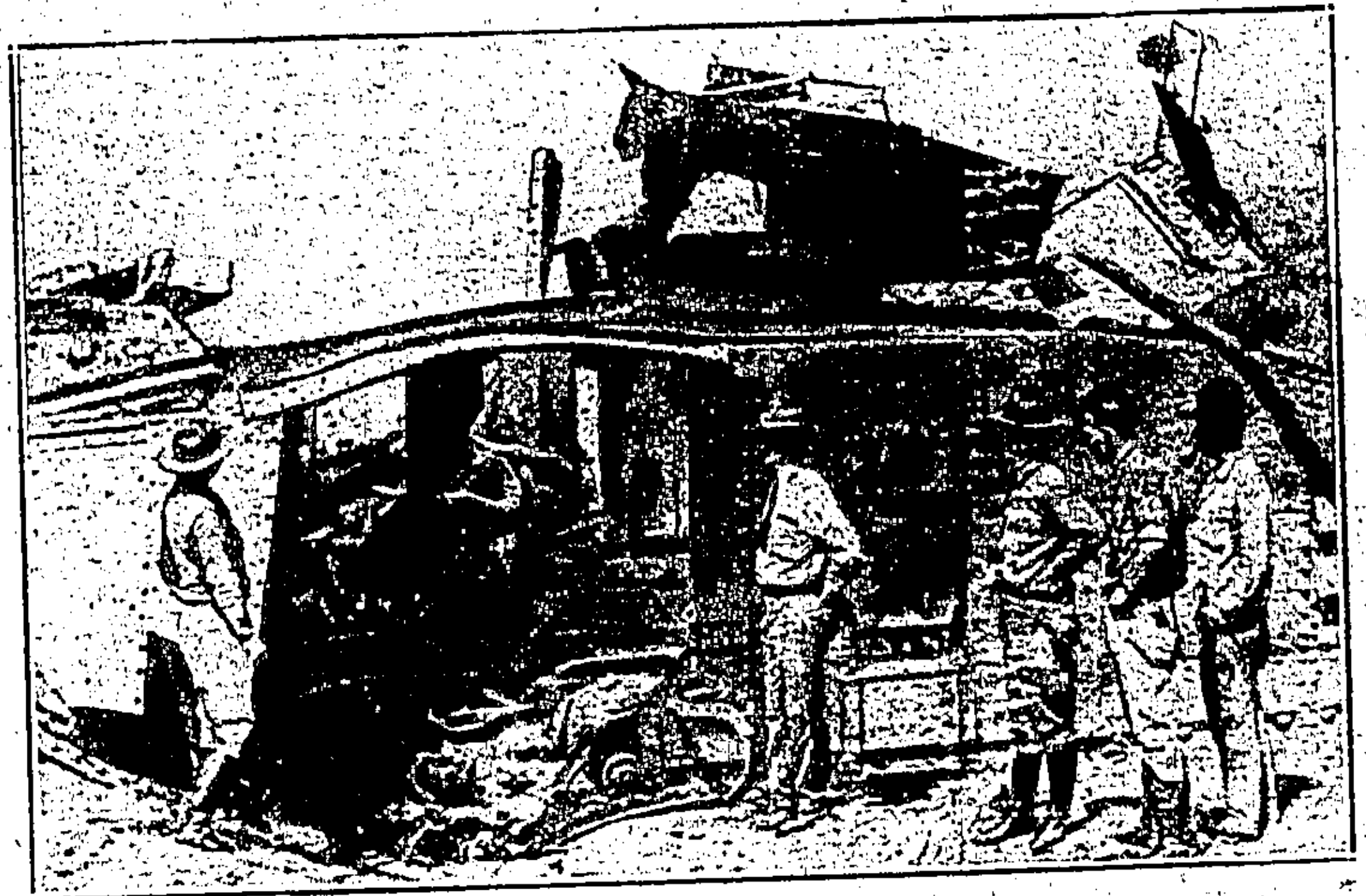
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to that great big handsome Gene
Tunney," Mary Garden, prima donna,
recently announced.



This shows Mexican federal troops advancing to a position to start an attack on the Yaqui Indian
caterghila near Vera Cruz de Piedra, at the foot of Bacatete Mountain.



In a test of the relative irresistibilities of high explosives and army tanks, a charge of TNT
proved too much for this tiny caterpillar.



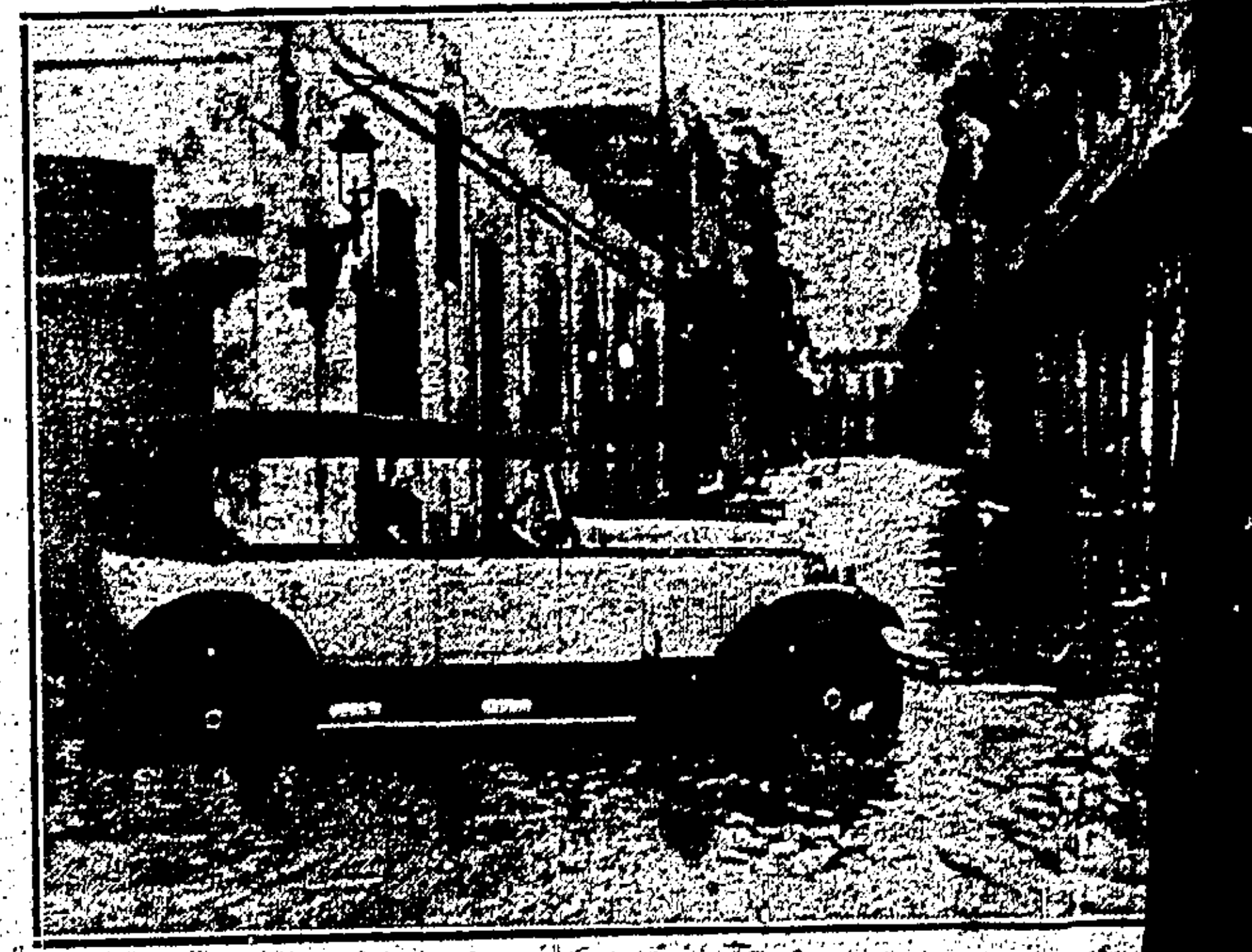
A camera man who was out for a continuous round of entertainment in
New York.



Suzanne Lenglen, (right), famous French tennis professional,
shaking hands with Mary K. Brown after their match at the Philadel-
phia Sesquicentennial, which Miss Lenglen won in straight sets.



The wind storm that struck New Jersey and vicinity lifted the second storey of
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SPORTS SECTION

CRICKET NOTES.

AGUE I MATCHES TO-MORROW.

TO WITHDRAW?

There were prospects of football matches to two fixtures are down as follows:

Football Club v. Royal H.K.C.C. ground.

A.A. v. Chinese on Sookumpoo.

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Small Units beat H.M.'s Sub-

marines, 3-1.

Royal Artillery walk-over from

H.M.S. "Despatch."

H.M.S. "Herald" beat H.M.S.

"Foxglove," 4-2.

H.M.S. "Hermes" beat H.M.S.

"Reply, after extra time, 3-1.

The Next Round.

Junior semi-finals will be

as of the Garrison ground at

Sookumpoo, kick-off at 3 p.m. each

HOME TENNIS.

ENGLISH MEN'S UNOFFICIAL RANKING.

THE FIRST SEVENTEEN.

According to F. R. Burrow, the "Observer" lawn tennis correspondent, the seventeen ranking players of England for 1926 are:-

1. J. C. Gregory.
2. D. M. Greig.
3. C. H. Kingsley.
4. H. W. Austin.
5. O. G. N. Turnbull.
6. H. K. Lester.
7. H. C. Fisher.
8. J. M. Hillyard.
9. F. G. Lowe.
10. J. B. Gilbert.
11. G. P. Hughes.
12. J. D. P. Wheatley.
13. M. Woosnam.
14. G. R. O. Crole-Rees.
15. N. Sharpe.
16. R. Lycett.
17. E. Higgins.

B. Hillyard, F. R. L. Crawford, W. C. Crawley, P. M. Davson, R. D. Poland, C. G. Eames, N. Dicks, F. H. Jarvis tie for 18th place. The veterans M. J. G. Ritchie and T. M. Mavrogordato and L. A. Godfree tie for 29th place.

Col. A. R. F. Kingscote is not included because he took no part in competitions this season.

King-cheung, Leung Wing-k, Lau Kau-shing, Ip Pak-wah, reserves: Lap Hong-wing, Chan King-yin, Lai Ting-choi. [Chan So (captain) will not be able to play owing to the injury he received in the China v. Portugal match last Saturday.]

Hong Kong F.C. XI—Rodger; Wallington, Bishop; Lyon, McBride, Watson; Taylor, Alexander, Linaker, Hansom, Howard.

ARMY v. NAVY.

Grand Annual Charity Match on Jan. 8.

The following notes have been contributed:-

The annual grand charity football match in aid of Naval and Military charities will take place on Saturday, January 8, on the Army ground at Sookumpoo at 4 p.m.

H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) has promised to be present and the teams will be lined up before His Excellency prior to the kick-off. H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G. (G.O.C. the troops) has kindly consented to kick-off.

The Pipe Band of the 2nd Bn. K.O.S.B.'s will play from 3.30 p.m. During half time Pipe-Major W. C. K. Mackie and his Pipers will dance Scottish national dances accompanied by the Band.

South China Athletic Association have kindly presented the football to be used in the match. This ball will be raffled at half-time; tickets at 20 cents each will be obtainable on the ground.

Admission to the covered stand is 5/- and to the open stand 60 cents. Tickets may be obtained from: Anderson Music Co.; Moutrie & Co.; H.M.'s Ships; Hon. Sec. Garrison Recreation Club; Military Headquarters.

SERVICE SOCCER.

RESULTS IN THE LOCAL COMPETITION.

In the United Services football competition, the second round has been completed as follows:-

Division I.

K.O.S.B.'s beat H.M.S. "Vindictive," 2-1.

H.M.S. "Hermes" walk-over from H.M.S. "Despatch."

Royal Artillery beat H.M.'s Sub-

marines, 3-1.

H.M.S. "Hawkins" beat H.M.S.

"Ambrose," 2-0.

Division II.

H.M.S. "Hawkins" beat R.A.M.C.

"1-0.

H.M.S. "Tamar" beat H.M.S.

"Iroquois," 2-1.

H.M.S. "Marazion" walk-over from H.M.S. "Hollyhock."

H.M.S. "Vindictive" beat H.M.S.

"Yolsey," 4-0.

Small Units beat H.M.'s Sub-

marines, 3-1.

Royal Artillery walk-over from

H.M.S. "Despatch."

H.M.S. "Herald" beat H.M.S.

"Foxglove," 4-2.

H.M.S. "Hermes" beat H.M.S.

"Reply, after extra time, 3-1.

The Next Round.

Junior semi-finals will be

as of the Garrison ground at

Sookumpoo, kick-off at 3 p.m. each

ARMY'S VICTORY.

ROYAL NAVY FAIL TO GET THE RUNS.

TRIANGULAR CRICKET.

Yesterday the Army beat the Royal Navy by 68 runs in their two-day match on the H.K.C.C. ground in the annual triangular tournament.

On Monday the Club beat the Army. To-morrow, at 11 a.m., the Club begin the final match with the Royal Navy. Should the Senior Service win, the result will be a tie all-round. Any other result will make the Club come out on top.

The Hong Kong C.C. will be represented by:- H. R. B. Hancock (captain), T. E. Pearce, H. Owen, Hughes, A. C. I. Bowker, A. W. Hayward, E. J. R. Mitchell, G. R. Sayer, G. F. Gardner, G. R. Vallack, J. R. Hinton, J. C. Lyl.

The Naval team will be:- Lt. Col. A. S. Cantrell, R.M. (capt.), Lt. Comdr. Armitage, Flight Lt. Brewerton, Flight Lt. Newall, Pay Lt. Hussey, the Rev. Venn, Pay Lt. Comdr. Shaw, Lt. Sturges, Lt. Emley, Lt. Sparkes, Lt. Comdr. Beatty.

Play will be continued on Monday morning.

Yesterday's Play.

Recommencing with 205 runs on and a wicket to fall, the Army added 14 runs to their 2nd innings total, which became 132, thus setting the Navy 220 to get for victory.

The Navy opened their second innings before tiffin and lost one wicket before the interval.

Sparkes and Brewerton made a stand but the batsmen met with bad luck. Brewerton went on to make 60 but gave a chance (which was accepted) after he had seen his captain run out at a critical stage.

Dobbie was again to the fore in the bowling and was well backed up by Hankey. Towards the close Lightfoot was put on and he finished off the innings by taking two wickets with three deliveries.

Although the Navy lost their 2nd innings effort was creditable.

Scores:-

The Army—1st Innings.

Capt. Evers, c Armitage, b 33

Sturges, c Venn, b Beatty, 5

Lt. Hankey, c Venn, b Beatty, 25

Capt. Bridgland, c Venn, b Beatty, 76

Capt. Morris, st. Venn, b Beatty, 16

Major Lightfoot, b Beatty, 9

Capt. Thorp, b Beatty, 0

Lt. Wright, b Beatty, 0

Capt. Bevis, c b Emley, 0

Lt. Smith, b Emley, 5

Mr.-Gr. Fogden, not out, 9

Extras, 22

Total, 200

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.

Cantrell, 16 4 1 51

Beatty, 24 4 0 75

Sturges, 3 0 20 1

Emley, 6 0 32 2

Royal Navy—1st Innings.

Lt. Comdr. Armitage, b 21

Dobbie, 15

Lt. Col. Cantrell, c Dobbie, b Hankey, 15

Flight-Lt. Brewerton, lb.w., b Dobbie, 0

Flight-Lt. Newall, b Dobbie, 15

Pay Lt. Hussey, c Morris, b Dobbie, 6

Rev. Venn, b Dobbie, 22

Pay Lt. Comdr. Shaw, b Dobbie, 0

Lt. Sturges, c Evers, b Dobbie, 14

Lt. Emley, b Dobbie, 4

Lt. Sparkes, not out, 4

Lt. Comdr. Beatty, c b Dobbie, 0

Extras, 12

Total, 113

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.

Dobbie, 17 3 7 42

Hankey, 12 2 47 1

Lightfoot, 3 0 7 0

Wright, 2 0 5 0

The Army—2nd Innings.

Capt. Evers, b Beatty, 12

Major Lightfoot, b Cantrell, 15

Capt. Bridgland, b Cantrell, 0

Lt. Hankey, c b Beatty, 4

Capt. Morris, c Armitage, b Cantrell, 22

Capt. Dobbie, b Brewerton, b Cantrell, 0

Capt. Thorp, c Emley, b Cantrell, 14

Lt. Wright, b Beatty, 12

Capt. Bevis, run out, 15

Lt. Smith, not out, 32

Mr.-Gr. Fogden, lb.w., b Cantrell, 1

Extras, 15

Total, 182

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.

Beatty, 21 5 54 8

Cantrell, 20 2 3 63

Royal Navy—2nd Innings.

Lt. Comdr. Armitage, c b 4

Hankey, 7

Pay Lt. Hussey, c Wright, b 17

Lt. Sparkes, b Dobbie, 17

Flight-Lt. Brewerton, c b 14

Wright, 60

Rev. Venn, c Fogden, b 8

Dobbie, 11

Flight-Lt. Newall, b Dobbie, 14

Lt. Col. Cantrell, run out, 1

Lt. Sturges, c Dobbie, b 18

Pay Lt. Comdr. Shaw, b 8

Lightfoot, 0

Lt. Emley, not out, 10

Lt. Comdr. Beatty, b Lightfoot, 0

Extras, 10

Total, 153

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

O. M. R. W.

Dobbie, 23 9 52 3

Hankey, 21 3 43 8

Morris, 3 0 12 0

Wright, 9 1 37 1

Lightfoot, 0 3 0 1

Extras, 0

Total, 153

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A large number of newspapers and other periodicals published in New South Wales are contained in the Budget proposals of the State.

Results from the new wave-lengths are officially regarded as eminently satisfactory. Whistling from Leipzig interrupted some London listeners.

The suggestion that Turkey intends to join in the formation of an Asiatic League of Nations is described by German statesmen as ridiculous.

M. de Caix, the French representative on the Mandates Commission, has denied that the Syrian mandate will be transferred to another Power.

Mr. James Campbell, an Elgin rural postman who has been awarded the Imperial Service Medal on his retirement, walked 106,600 miles on his daily rounds in twenty-seven years.

A valuable ivory tusk engraved with figures of Chinese gods was stolen from the antique shop of Mr. E. H. Beale in Queen Victoria-street, on November 23. Two men entered the shop, and while the attention of the woman assistant was distracted for a moment one of them seized the tusk.

According to a New York message, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company announce that they hope to be able to establish commercial wireless telephonic communications between America and Great Britain at an early date. Preliminary tests will be held in the spring of next year.

Recent anti-French demonstrations were stated by Signor Mussolini in an interview to be absolutely scandalous and intolerable excesses, which were revolting to him. When attempts were made on his life popular indignation was, he supposed, vented against France because that was the chosen country of all who wished to conspire against Fascism.

"I am not going to pay for garaging my car," said Mr. A. G. Daniels, a Bedfordshire County Council member, when a Bedford constable asked him why his car had been left outside the Shire Hall for an hour and three-quarters. Mr. Daniels said he was doing county council work, and he did not see why he should be involved in expense for it. The constable pointed out that there was a parking place for cars 300 yards away, but Mr. Daniels said it was too far.

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A dash across England was made by a young American girl, Miss Elizabeth Barker, who reached Southampton in the afternoon by the White Star liner "Olympic" from New York. This was to catch the steamer "Trafford Hall" from Liverpool to India, which it had been arranged should wait for her in the Mersey.

Mr. C. C. Shu, one of the Chinese lecturers of the School of Oriental Studies, Finsbury Circus, delivered a lecture on November 17 at the above institution on "The Love Stories of China." He gave about half-a-dozen as examples, to show what love meant in China, where marriages were entirely managed by the parents of the contracting parties. The stories (Hsiao-shuo), which had both a serious and lighter vein running through them, illustrated the main features of Chinese marriages.

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